

OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

January 15 Opening

Histadrut Campaign Set

Abe and Fanny Betcherman Foundation Is Established

The Officers and Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation are pleased to announce the establishment of the "Abraham and Fanny Betcherman Foundation" by Fanny Betcherman, to honour the memory of her late husband and to support in perpetuity, charities and causes which were meaningful to them and which she wishes to continue to endow.

Mrs. Betcherman has created the fund with an initial contribution of \$5,000. It is her intention to increase the capital to at least a total of \$25,000. over a period of time. This capital will be invested and only the income will be used each year to benefit the agencies and institutions to be designated as beneficiaries. The terms of the provide that Mrs. Betcherman will be consulted as to the disposition of this income during the course of her lifetime. This is the practice of the Endowment & Bequest Foundation with segregated funds under its administration.

The Board of Directors has



Mrs. Betcherman shown with her late husband Abe on a cruise.

written to Mrs. Betcherman to express its appreciation for her generosity and for choosing this meaningful way to pay tribute to her late husband who worked diligently for the best interests of Israel and the Jewish community.

Examples of this kind have been the greatest stimulant for Foundation growth and development. The Abraham and Fanny Betcherman Foundation brings the number of Funds under Foundation administration to 27. In a few short years, the capital has grown to over \$400,000. and in 1977 in excess of \$27,000. was generated and distributed for charitable, religious and educational purposes. There are no administrative costs or charges against this income.

Endowment and Bequest Foundation officials are encouraged by the acceptance which the project has gained. Increasing numbers of families and individuals are turning to the Foundation as the instrument for endowing causes which they hold dear during their own lifetimes and in perpetuity thereafter. In that light, the importance of the Foundation for the future well-being of the Jewish community of Ottawa and its associated agencies at home and abroad cannot be over-emphasized.

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According to Mr. Schwartz, the target for the 1978 Appeal is the raising of sufficient funds to complete the Ottawa Student Dormitory in the Jewish Heritage Centre in Jerusalem, the project successfully launched by the Ottawa group last year.

Set up in 1973 at the initiative of the religious workers in the Histadrut and the Moshav Movement, the Jewish Heritage Centre has helped thousands of young Israelis to discover the source of their Jewish heritage. It is headed by Rabbi Menahem Hacoen, a member of the Knesset and the Chairman of the Centre.

Aside from the Midrasha program which enables students to continue their studies around the country, the Centre conducts two other activities aimed at spreading knowledge of Judaism and reducing the ignorance and alienation of Israeli youth as to



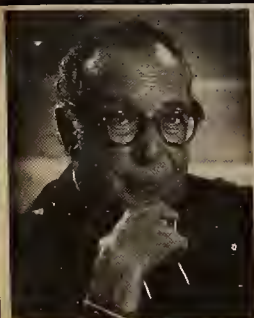
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their people's history and culture.

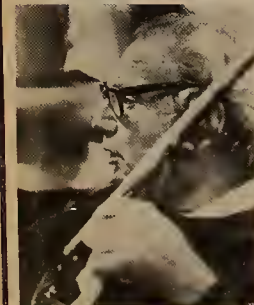
There is a special Forum where scholars from Israel and abroad are invited to discuss problems of contemporary Judaism. And there is the Values Institute which publishes educational material and teaching aids on all subjects pertaining to Jewish observance.

The Jewish Heritage Centre is situated in the heart of the Old City of Jerusalem.

Histadrut campaign workers will be approaching the community for support over the next few weeks. In a letter addressed to every home, Mr. Schwartz expresses the hope that the drive will receive a generous response.



Lawrence Freiman



Isaac Stern

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Germany Publishes New List of Camps

On September 24 of this year a revised list of concentration camps appeared in the publication of the German parliament. The list contains the names of a number of new camps previously not recognized by the indemnification legislation as well as previously recognized camps, but with an extended period of operation.

According to the Indemnification Law (BEG), such persons who spent at least 12 full months in concentration camps contained in the previous list and who suffered damage to their health, resulting in a disability of at least 25 per cent, had a certain advantage when submitting their claims for indemnification.

It was assumed that their disability was the result of the persecution unless the medical service of the indemnification authorities could prove beyond doubt that the disability was not the result of the persecution.

Thus the burden of proof was shifted from the claimant to the indemnification authorities.

Since the previous list of con-

centration camps did not contain the names of all the camps in which Jews were interned and a number of camps were not recognized officially for the entire period of operation, the new list opens the door to new claims.

The deadline for submission is March 24, 1978. This new possibility applies only to persons who have made claims and received payment for loss of liberty for at least 12 months (DM 1,800).

Persons who feel that the new list may enable them to receive indemnification for health damage should contact the Canadian Jewish Congress at 1590 McGregor Ave. in Montreal or lawyers who handled their previous claim(s) for more detailed information.

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Vaad Report

by Gilbert Greenberg

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir
(Jewish Community Council)



Our Standing Committees

For the most part, the work of the Vaad is conducted by its twenty-nine Standing Committees. They break down into seven major groupings: Administrative, Communal, Fund-Raising, Planning and Budgeting, Public Relations, Programmatic and Social Services. A listing of the committees and their 1977-78 chairmen follows:

Communal		
Jewish Community Cemetery	— Hyman Gould	
New Jewish Community Cemetery	— Israel Shinder	
Religious Affairs	— Hyman Gould	
Vaad Hakashruth	— Dr. Baruch Dina	
Fund-Raising		
Endowments & Bequests	— Bernard Shinder	
State of Israel Bonds	— Moshe Feig	
United Jewish Appeal	— Alfred Friedman	
United Jewish Appeal, Women's Division	Mrs. Dorothy Nadolny	
Planning and Budgeting		
Education	— Israel Shinder	
Budget & Allocations	— David Loeb	
Leadership Development	— L. Gerald Levitz	
Public Relations		
Community Relations	— Mervin Mirsky	
Canada-Israel Committee	— Arnell Goldberg, Q.C.	
Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review	— Gerald Berger	
Shalom-Ottawa	— Mrs. Carol Kassie	
Programmatic		
History & Archives	— M. Sidney Green	
Holocaust	— Mendel Good	
Soviet Jewry	— Rabbi Donald R. Gerber	
Soviet Jewry Group of 35	— Mrs. Ruth Berger	
Student Affairs	— Professor Eugene Rothman	
Women's Affairs	— Mrs. Simone Goldberg	
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	— To be named	
Zionist Affairs	— Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum	
Social Services		
Jewish Social Services Council	— Mrs. Jacqueline Holzman	
JIAS-Ottawa	— Mrs. Evelyn Lief	
Shalom Welcome Service	— Mrs. Susannah Dalfen	
Administrative		
Constitution	— Sol M. Shmelzer	
Pensions	— Sol M. Shmelzer	
Personnel	— Gilbert Greenberg	

Written terms of reference have been developed for the first time for all of these committees. The document in its final form was approved by the Board of Trustees on November 30 and is the basis upon which Standing Committees will operate during the coming year.

We have also assigned liaison responsibilities for committee function to our officers. This means that each officer now has several committees with which he has to maintain contact and to which he will be available for consultation and such assistance as he may be asked to render from time to time.

Constituent Agencies

In addition to our standing committees, the Vaad also maintains close contact with what we call our local constituent and beneficiary agencies. They are autonomous bodies with separate boards and functions but for budget and allocations purposes, they relate to the Vaad and the United Jewish Appeal. I list them hereunder:

Camp B'nai B'rith	— Martin Tatz
Camp Gasher	— Hillel Brustin
Jewish Community Centre	— Irving Rivers
Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged	— Theodore P. Metrick, Q.C.
Ottawa Modern Jewish School	— Mrs. Phyllis Leif
Ottawa Talmud Torah Board	— Henry Molot
Temple Israel Religious School	— Joseph Stern
Beth Israel School, Pembroke	— Newton Prager

Representatives to National

Finally, I thought it would be of some interest to you to know which laymen represent the Jewish Community of Ottawa on the national bodies with which we are affiliated:

National Executive, Canadian Jewish Congress	Gilbert Greenberg and David Loeb
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada	Mrs. Evelyn Lief
National Budgeting Conference	Norman Zagerman and Gilbert Greenberg
Canada-Israel Committee	Hyman Soloway, Q.C., Arnell Goldberg, Q.C., Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum and Professor Eugene Rothman
Canadian Zionist Federation	Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum
National Executive, United Israel Appeal of Canada	David Loeb, Sol Shinder, Norman Zagerman and Mrs. Simone Goldberg
National Executive, Women's Division United Israel Appeal of Canada	Mrs. Simone Goldberg and Mrs. Dorothy Nadolny
National Audit Committee, United Israel Appeal	Zeev Vered
Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds	Gilbert Greenberg and Abe Palmer

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to address them to me or directly to the portfolio holder concerned.

Moses The Egyptian ...

Moses The Canadian...

by Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger



The narrative of Moses assisting the daughters of Jethro, as described in last week's Sedra, is pertinent to all Jews living in the diaspora today.

Moses, it will be remembered, fled to the land of Midian after he had killed an Egyptian guard. In the desert beside a well, he saw the difficulties experienced by Jethro's daughters who were trying to water their flock, and he helped them. When the daughters returned home and were asked by their father, "How is it that you have come back so quickly today?" They told him about the day's events and explained, "An Egyptian man delivered us". (Exodus 2:19).

A natural question arises about the significance of the word Egyptian. Granted, Jethro's daughters did not know more about Moses; they did not know his name or history: they did not know who he was or what he was, or what he was about to become; all they knew was that he came from Egypt and they identified him as such - "An Egyptian man". However, the narrative could have paraphrased their words. Or it simply could have said "A man saved us". Instead the Torah, in which there is no superfluous word also used the appellation: "Egyptian". Significantly the Torah takes the trouble to use their exact language. As far as Moses is concerned, this description was no great praise. Indeed it was somewhat derogatory. No mention is made here that Moses is the Son of

terrapt his concentration, he should not be frightened. Rather this should reinforce his concentration and should evoke stronger desires to continue and complete his worship with even greater intensity. We can bring a further analogy from physical exercise. Muscles and limbs which are constantly at rest become flabby and weak. But a muscle that is continuously and frequently exercised, a limb which is actively and intensively challenged with work, becomes stronger and more useful. (It might become tired temporarily, but it becomes stronger).

Amram, no genealogical reference is made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, there is not any comment about Moses' own meritorious quality.

As if to emphasize the accuracy of the description the Zohar adds "There he was born, there he was raised, and there he became great." It follows therefore that the word "Egyptian" is germane, not only to the narrative, but is essential to an understanding of Moses himself: Where was he born? - there in Egypt. Where was he raised? - there in Egypt. Where did he achieve his original greatness? - there in Egypt. A threefold emphasis that seems paradoxical. Egypt opposed his birth (all male children were to be drowned) - Egypt opposed the method by which he became great.

A similar paradox is described in Jewish Mysticism concerning the problem of distracting thoughts that occur during prayer.

When a person prays without distraction his prayer is routine. But when distracting (or even "opposing") thoughts tend to in-

Could there ever be a culture more violently opposed to Jewish life than ancient Egypt! Yet the challenge of Egypt's adverse environment strengthened Moses and led him to greatness and spiritual power, and in this answer, there is also an answer to those who complain that Torah and Mitzvos are too difficult to perform in Exile - that Torah was designed for a people who are at rest in paradise or in New York or Jerusalem at least, who confront only angels, who are provided with Manna from heaven and who enjoy tranquility for study. Quite the contrary, the challenge of our own spiritual "Egypt" and the adversity of our Exile strengthens our spiritual muscles. We the Jewish people, were born THERE and raised THERE. We must accept this challenge and make a place of Torah and sanctity in our Canadian environment.

Mazeltov

Congratulations are extended to:

Bernard (Boh) Applebaum, on his appointment as Whaling Commissioner for Canada.

Enid Slack, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Slack and the late Mr. Moe Slack, on receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics at the University of Toronto. She is married to Ronald Kesten, B.A., LL.B. of Toronto.

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Fri., Jan. 13 — 4:22 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 20 — 4:30 p.m.



SHALOM! Welcome to Ottawa

The Jewish Community Council and its Shalom Welcome Service are pleased to greet the following Newcomers to Ottawa and to wish them and their families happiness and fulfillment in their new home.

Arlene and Gary Bonn
Rita and Hersch Chernovsky
Shelly and Andre Engel
Susan and David Finestone
Ruth and Dale Fyman
Lisa and Allan Garman
Peppi and Jean Guiot
Anne and Irving Huss
Evelyn and Siggy Rajzman
Rickie and Yonie Santo
Betty and Jack Seltzer
Carol and Leon Silver

This is the first listing of new arrivals since the Shalom Welcome Service began functioning in September. Other names will be published from time to time. If you know of anyone who should be on this list, please call Susannah Dalfen at 725-1662 or Gittel Tatz at 232-7306.